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THE FIRST NURSE, MISS SUTHERLAND.

"I don't recall how Miss Sutherland, our first nurse at Rock Bay, got there, but she reached the Rock Bay Hospital somehow, and had a little room there for herself. She was our only trained nurse, but she had to help her a woman housekeeper and a man as orderly. She did not last long. She was a wonderful nurse, probably the finest we ever had, but she was not strong, and died as a result of overwork; there is no doubt about that; it was overwork that killed her. She is buried in Vancouver, Mountain View Cemetery, I think.

"There is an obituary of Miss Sutherland in the *Log of the Columbia*."

THE SECOND HOSPITAL. ALERT BAY, B.C. MISS MONK, NURSE. MISS MOTHERWELL, NURSE.

"The second hospital was at Alert Bay, and was started with two nurses. Miss Monk was the senior; she came from Ottawa, and was a very well qualified nurse who had been head of hospitals in the east. The second nurse was Miss Motherwell, sister of Major J.A. Motherwell, Chief Inspector of Fisheries here." (Note: Miss Motherwell is, we think, the same Miss Motherwell who is now head of the Provincial Infirmary, Marpole, Vancouver.)

THE THREE FIRST NURSES. MISS SUTHERLAND. MISS MONK. MISS MOTHERWELL.

"These three nurses are the three outstanding nurses which I spoke to you about, which might perhaps be considered worthy of a place in the book" (proposed history of Canadian nurses, being compiled by John Murray Gibbon, Esq., Montréal.)

THE THIRD HOSPITAL, VAN ANDA.

"The third hospital was at Van Anda, Texada Island. It was provided by the Marble Bay Mines; the Tacoma Steel Company owned the place. I forget the name of the first nurse there.

"That's enough for today."

As told to me as I typed,
CITY ARCHIVES, J
City Hall, CITY
Vancouver,
1 February 1945.

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CONVERSATION WITH MR. F.C. GRANTHAM, OF GRANTHAM'S LANDING, HOWE SOUND, AND OF 535 WEST FOURTEENTH AVENUE, VANCOUVER, WHO, IN RESPONSE TO MY INVITATION, VERY KINDLY CALLED AT THE CITY ARCHIVES THIS AFTERNOON, AND REMAINING AN HOUR OR SO, 7 FEBRUARY 1945.

During this time, Mr. Grantham, a very kindly quiet gentleman, slightly greying hair, presented us with a photograph of himself taken when he was very much younger by Secourable of Peckham, London, S.E.

GRANTHAM'S LANDING. F.C. GRANTHAM.

Mr. Grantham said: "Claude Wainwright invited us to his summer camp on Bowen Island. They had a summer camp, and we enjoyed ourselves so much that I wanted to get a place like it for myself. I hunted around, but could not find anything which suited, but, finally, heard that there was land up at Gibson's Landing. So in 1909 I went up to Gibson's with a friend, but the place I went to see wasn't suitable, and I spent the night at Gibson's as there wasn't a boat to Vancouver until the following morning."

GRANTHAM'S LANDING. MR. GLASSFORD OF GIBSON'S. GEORGE GIBSON. D.L. 687.

"The following morning I met Mr. Glassford, son-in-law of George Gibson, and he said I had just time, before the boat" (steamer) "came to see the prettiest spot on Howe Sound. He took me—we just walked through a trail in the standing forest, that is, through the Indian Reserve—until we stood on what is now Grantham's Landing. He had crown granted D.L. 687 some years before, and used it for hand logging purposes. He told me it was for sale, about seventy-five acres, eight hundred feet waterfront. There was more land than I wanted for my summer cottage, so I had it subdivided. I got a crew of men up there and built a floating wharf; cleared all the roads, and put in sidewalks and the water system. We got the water

from a spring in a ravine close by; the finest spring water on Howe Sounds; that was what the engineer from Victoria told me last fall, that it was the finest water on Howe Sound.”

GLASSFORD GOES EAST.

“The following year, Mr. Glassford went east, so I bought the twelve acres which he had been given by his father-in-law, Mr. George Gibson, and on which he and Mrs. Glassford resided and raised their family. I bought more acreage from George Gibson, subdivided the Townsite of Gibson’s, and ran a water system from my spring in the ravine to Gibson’s Landing.”

W.W. WYNN.

“Well, after that W.W. Wynn, he moved up there, bought the store at Gibson’s, and later they formed a municipality. There are now about sixty-five or seventy cottages at Grantham’s Landing; some are permanent residents and some are summer camp cottages.”

GENEALOGY.

“I was born at Peckham, London, S.E., June 10th 1871, son of William and Eliza Grantham, originally from Lincolnshire. I was one of four brothers and one married sister. Three brothers survived, one in England, one in Vancouver and one in New Brunswick. I went to Manitoba in 1881, and came to Vancouver in September 1905. In 1897, at a private home in Glasgow, Scotland” (Wesleyan Church), “I married Miss Elizabeth McQuillan, daughter of Thomas James McQuillan, of Larne Island, north of Ireland. There are not any children, not of our own, but the name is perpetuated in Vancouver in Herbert Harris Grantham, my brother’s son. He is a high school teacher in Vancouver, and he has two children, my nephew Peter, now aged 13, and Sallyann” (one word), “my niece, aged 11.

“I was formerly owner of F.C. Grantham and Co., beverage manufacturers, lime juice cordial, but I sold my interest last year, 1944. I still spend my summers at my Howe Sound cottage.”

HOWE SOUND POST OFFICE. HOWE SOUND BEACH.

“At the time I subdivided Grantham’s and Gibson’s, the official map called it Howe Sound Post Office, so at first I called it Howe Sound Beach, but the steamboat people always called it after the person who built the floating wharf—that’s me—and that is how it got its name, ‘Grantham’s Landing.’”

Before leaving, Mr. Grantham very kindly presented us with a photograph of himself, taken, presumably, in 1881. I think he told me he is now 74.

J.S.M.

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MR. A.P. HORNE, PATIENT, ST. PAUL’S HOSPITAL, VANCOUVER (A PATIENT FOR TWO YEARS OR MORE) OVER THE TELEPHONE, 22 FEBRUARY 1945.

Mr. Horne is a pioneer of Vancouver, came here November 1889, and has resided here since. He is not related to Mr. J.W. Horne, M.P.P.

JAMES WELTON HORNE, M.P.P. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Major Matthews: Mr. Horne, you remember Mr. J.W. Horne. The question has come up as to who gave the organ to the first Presbyterian Church; it is said a Mr. Horne gave an organ to the first Presbyterian Church. Mr. Horne, the member of the Provincial Parliament, he was a wealthy man and a Presbyterian; do you suppose he gave it?

Mr. Horne: “I don’t know. But I’ll tell you about Mr. Horne; he was a good deal older than I was; I was just a youth. You know I have a nickname, ‘Joe.’ Well, someone sent him a bill for \$5.00 for whisky, and he called me up, and I said I would go down and get it, so I did. Then, after a while he got another bill for whisky; it also was made out to ‘J. Horne,’ and again he ‘phoned me, so I said to him, ‘Mr. Horne, you are a wealthy man; why don’t you pay it for me.’ I was only joking; I liked him. In those days a case of a dozen bottles of Scotch or rye whisky cost you \$10.50 for the case, and California claret was twenty-five cents a bottle. Mr. Horne did not smoke or drink; it was queer for them to be sending him bills for whisky.